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1. EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS OF ESTIMATING GOB EXPENDITURE ON NARCOTIC CONTROL, SINCE BUDGET IS CLASSIFIED, ESPECIALLY THAT PORTION WHICH DEALS WITH POLICE (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR) FUNCTION.

2. MAIN BULGARIAN EFFORT IS IN BORDER INTERDICTION OF TRAFFICKERS. BULGARIAN CUSTOMS IN PAST TWO YEARS HAS INCREASED MANPOWER FROM SLIGHTLY OVER 500 OFFICERS TO ABOUT 700. INTERNAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE SMALL SUPPLY ARE UNKNOWN.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE INTERNAL DRUG PROBLEM IS EXTREMELY SMALL. OUR BEST GUESS ON NUMBER OF ADDICTS

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IS 200-250, ALMOST ALL OF WHOM ARE SUBJECTED TO HOSPI-

TALIZATION. CERTAINLY ADDICTION IS NOT A PROBLEM
WHICH REQUIRES SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BUT IS
SIMPLY ABSORBED IN NATIONAL HEALTH BUDGET. TO BEST
OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION PRO-
GRAM IN COUNTRY, PROPAGANDA BEING LIMITED TO OCCASIONAL
NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CITING THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AS
IT IS PRACTICED IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THE US.

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